

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER FIVE (5) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY ADOPTING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1979 EDITION, HERETOFORE ADOPTED; BY PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; BY PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That Chapter Five (5) of the Code of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended as follows, in all other respects to remain in full force and effect:

There is hereby added to Section 5-5, Amendments and Deletions, the following:

The Uniform Building Code, 1979 Edition, heretofore adopted by the City of Mesquite is further amended as follows:

(a) The next to the last paragraph in Section 414 is amended to read:

"MEZZANINE OR MEZZANINE FLOOR is an intermediate floor placed in any story or room. A mezzanine floor shall be considered as constituting an additional story. The clear height above or below a mezzanine floor construction shall be not less than seven(7) feet."

(b) Section 1807(a) is amended to read:

"This section shall apply to all Group B, Division 2 office buildings and Group R, Division 1 Occupancies, each having floors used for human occupancy located more than 35 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access. (See Section 507) Such buildings shall be provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 1807(c).

(c) Section 1202(b) is amended by changing the third paragraph (first paragraph after the Exception) to read as follows:

"Every apartment house three (3) stories in height and every hotel three (3) stories or more in height shall have an approved fire alarm system."

(d) Section 507 is amended by changing the second paragraph to read:

"The limits set forth in Table 5-D may be increased by one (1) story if the building is provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system throughout, provided however, that apartments, condominiums and townhouses shall be limited to three (3) stories not to exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height as measured from the lowest level of fire department vehicle access to the top plate of the uppermost story.

SECTION 2. Should any word, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected because of such invalidity or unconstitutionality.

SECTION 3. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, and upon conviction in the Municipal Court, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each offense.

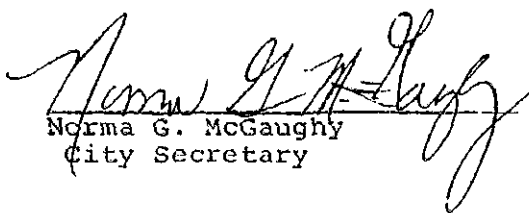
SECTION 4. The fact that the present ordinances of the City of Mesquite do not adequately provide for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens creates an urgency and emergency and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption of said ordinance, as the law in such cases provides

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 20th day of June, A.D., 1983.


MRS. BRUNHILDE NYSTROM
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary

Elland Archer
City Attorney